CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1718
Pascal House
16309 York Road
Monkton, Baltimore County
1840 ca.
Private

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The three-bay wide vernacular dwelling is built of randomly coursed fieldstone placed on a solid stone foundation. Stylistic detailing includes the stone quoins, fish-scale shingles in the gable ends, and the molded cornice. The side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles and has two interior end brick chimneys with corbeled caps. The shallow pitched roof has a slight overhang with a boxed wood cornice with returns. As originally constructed, the stone building featured a hall/parlor plan with an off-center entry that has been obscured by the addition of a 1980s one-story greenhouse. A two-story ell with an interior end brick corbel capped chimney was added in 1910. A one-story addition was constructed circa 1990. A full-length one-story porch now extends the length of the contemporary addition. The building is located on the east side of York Road, surrounded by rolling hills, domestic residences, and farms. Its close proximity to the road resulted in a wood fence being constructed near the façade.

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1. Name of F	Property	(indicate preferred	name)					
historic	Pascal House							
other								
2. Location								
street and number	16309 York Ro	ad					not for	publication
city, town	Monkton						_ vicinity	
county	Baltimore Cour	nty						
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing	g address	ses of all o	wners)			
name	Caleb D. Pasca	l and Gillian M. Fenwick						
street and number	16309 York Ro	ad				telephone	410.472.	2597
city, town	Monkton		state	MD		zip code	21111-1	012
4. Location	of Legal D	escription				_		
courthouse, registry	y of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthou	se		tax ma	p and parcel	map 28,	parcel 18
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7. Description		Inventory No. BA-1718
Condition		
excellent	deteriorated	
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fair	altered	

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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#### **EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION**

The primary façade, facing west on York Road, is two-and-a-half stories in height and three bays wide. The façade is symmetrically fenestrated with an off-center entry. The entry is masked by the addition of a 1980s glass and wood frame gambrel-roofed greenhouse that has a single-leaf wooden door with jalousie lights. The first story of the main block has two 2/2 wood windows with wooden surrounds and stone sills. There are three second-story 2/2 wood windows also with wooden surrounds and stone sills. The wood frieze acts as a continuous lintel for the second-story windows.

The south elevation has fish-scale patterned wood shingles in the gable end, cornice returns and a sawn frieze patterned to mimic the design of the returns. Two four-light casement windows with wood surrounds and sills are present in the gable end. No other fenestration is present on the south elevation of the main block. The 1910 ell addition has a one-story modern sun porch with a rounded arch roof, canvas awning, and sliding glass door. A one-and-a-half-story vinyl-sided addition is also present, but has no windows or doors.

The rear, or east elevation, has a wooden 6/6 window with a wooden surround on both the first and second stories on the east end of the main block. The first story window is now obscured by the sun porch. The ell has a cross-gabled roof with the gable end clad in wooden fish-scale shingles. The detailing also includes a molded cornice with returns. A four-light casement window with a wooden surround and sill is located in the gable end. The rear of the one-and-a-half-story rear addition has a gable end 2/2-vinyl with a vinyl surround in the gable peak. The first story has paired 1/1- windows with vinyl surrounds. There are fixed inset window box birdfeeders located under each window. A louvered triangular vent is located in the gable peak.

The north elevation of the main block has fish-scale patterned wood shingles in the gable end, cornice returns and a sawn frieze. Two four-light casement windows with wood surrounds and sills are present in the gable end. No other fenestration is present on the south elevation of the main block. The 1910 ell, clad in vinyl siding, features two 6/6 wood windows with wood surrounds and sills on the first and second stories. A one-and-a-half story addition has a one-story, four bay porch set under the side gable roof. It is supported with

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chamfered posts that have square bases and caps and sits on a poured concrete foundation with a brick veneer. The eaves of the porch on the north elevation are accented with a scalloped pattern trim. There is an off-center single-leaf metal door with two panels and nine lights. The addition also has two 2/2 wooden windows with vinyl surrounds.

#### INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The main block of the house remains virtually unaltered in plan. The original hall/parlor plan has been expanded into one large living space, but evidence of the original configuration still exists. The room features fireplaces at both ends, but the chimney opening on the north side has been closed and plastered over. Shelves and cabinets have also been built into the north wall. The original mantel still exists on the south wall. It is a molded mantel with a beaded edge and a thin shelf. The mantelpiece stands sixty-six inches in height and has a limestone interior. Built-in cupboards are to the east of the fireplace and single-leaf vertical board doors to the basement and second-story are to the west. The enclosed stair has a quarter-flight winders plan. The original main entrance exists in its original location at the north end of the façade and has a five-and-three-quarter inch beaded surround. A horizontal double-leaf wooden rear entrance on the southern end of the east elevation still exists, but now leads to the 1910 ell. It is a six-paneled wooden single-leaf door with a lock-box and a wooden six-inch surround. The original floorboards have been replaced with two-and-a-half inch wooden boards. Baseboards on the interior façade wall are five inches high with a molded base shoe. On the rear wall, there are five-and-three-quarter-inch wooden baseboards with molded bases and a beaded cap. No baseboards are present on the exterior end walls. The original exposed beams are still present. They are hand-hewn five-byfive inch beams with machine cut nails. The original beveled window casings are still in use and have thirteeninch inset moldings that are five inches wide.

The second floor of the main block was originally identical to the first floor plan, consisting of two rooms. The window casings reflect those of the first floor with beveled casings with thirteen-inch insets, three-and-three-quarter-inch beaded moldings and sills that are five inches high. There is a twenty-four-inch door case to the ell, which was once the exterior stone wall.

The attic of the main block revealed mortise-and-tenon pegged joints, hand-hewn four inch square beams, machine cut nails, fourteen inch floorboards, a false plate and scribe marks. Similarly, the basement has hand-hewn beams, machine-cut nails, and some added sash sawn boards.

The 1910 ell includes a dining room and a later added sunroom. There are typical 1910 moldings and wooden floorboards. The attic of the cross gable ell displays circular saw marks, a ridge board, machine cut nails and four-and-a-half inch floorboards. A one-story modern, circa 1990, addition to the rear includes a kitchen, bath, and master bedroom. These include all modern details.

8. Signific	ance			Inventory No. BA-1718
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Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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#### **HISTORY**

Although the exact date of construction for the Pascal House has not been determined, historic maps, deeds and stylistic detailing support a circa 1840 date<sup>1</sup>. Deed research indicates that John Merryman, Sr. owned the property by 1813. The family can be traced in the United States to James Merriman and his wife Sarah who came to Virginia on the *George* in 1638. In 1680, Charles Merriman, born in 1657 in Virginia, moved to Anne Arundel County, Maryland. James Merriman also settled in Anne Arundel County in 1700, where he served as a court commissioner. Charles married Mary Boone and established his family north of Baltimore on the Gunpowder River. It is thought that he changed the spelling of his name to Merryman in order to differentiate his land holdings<sup>2</sup>. The Merrymans settled "Clover Hill" north of Baltimore. "Hereford Farm" in Hereford, and at "Hayfields" in Cockeysville. The Merryman family was also politically influential in Baltimore County.

By 1821, John Merryman, Sr. had transferred the ownership to Sarah Merryman, Elizabeth Merryman, and John Merryman Jr. They, in turn, deeded the tract to Nicolas R. Merryman, under whose direction the dwelling at 16309 York Road appears to have been erected. The house presumably was constructed as a tenant house, which served the Merryman estate known as Elzie's Game. In this area of Baltimore County, the Merryman holdings included tracts of land known as "Hereford Resurveyed," "Elzie's Game," "Brown Hall" and "Merryman's Mount." In 1848 Nicolas and Clarissa Merryman put the property in trust to John Philpot, who in 1878 conveyed it to Henry W. Merryman and his wife Mary G., as stipulated by the trust.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The building is denoted on J.C. Sidney's Map of Baltimore, 1850.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tracv. Elsie Howlett. Merrimans and Tracy: Pioneer Community Builders. (La Jolla, CA. 1976).

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Henry and Mary G. Merryman owned the property until 1884 when it was sold for \$500 to Susan Ryan as part of "Hereford Resurveyed." Susan Ryan owned the property until 1889, when she sold it for \$500 to Joshua Gill. Isabella Gill gained sole ownership in 1897, paying \$1,000. In 1926, the title was relinquished to Lottie P. Gill, who owned the land until 1954 when Caleb Pascal, Edward Pascal and Colgate Pascal purchased it. Caleb Pascal and Gillian M. Fenwick, the current owners, gained possession of the title in 1973. They added a one-story rear addition to the house circa 1990.

The property on which the Pascal House is situated is on the east side of York Road, a few miles to the west of the Northern Central Railroad. It is located at the near the southern edge of the seventh district, which was one of the largest and most populated regions of the county in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, bounded on the north by Pennsylvania. In 1870, it had an area of 59.93 square miles and a population of 3,074. The area historically consisted of rolling hills, traversed by major transportation corridors, such as the railroad and York Turnpike. Arable fields for plantings of wheat, corn, oats and fruits support the district. It was known for its dairy production and the breeding of cattle. In addition the waterpower of the Gunpowder Falls and its tributaries supported numerous mills

Although the property is located in the town of Piney Hill, near Monkton, little is known about this small village. Appearing on maps as early as 1850, the property is located just south of Hereford on York Road and north of Philopolis and Priceville. It is situated at the southern part of the Seventh District, just south of Hereford. Hereford and Philopolis are 19<sup>th</sup>-century towns that are less than twenty-five miles north of Baltimore City. Situated between the York Road and the Northern Central Railroad, Hereford was home to 300 inhabitants in 1881 and at that time, was the center of a rich agricultural region. Philopolis, whose population in 1881 was 100, is bisected by the York Turnpike and sits one mile to the west of the Northern Central Railroad. It is nineteen miles from Baltimore City. The close proximity of Hereford and Philopolis to York Road and the railroad rendered the small towns as centers of trade. Priceville was a mile to the west of Spark's Station and was settled as a stronghold of the Society of Friends, by immigrants from England and Wales.

Prior to the organization of turnpikes in Baltimore County, many of the county's roads were considered unfit for use. Earlier efforts to incorporate turnpike companies originated from the county government, yet, by the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, efforts to create better roads emanated from the state government's efforts to better serve the growing rural population. This action resulted in the laying of a road from Baltimore, Maryland to York, Pennsylvania that would replace the winding, indirect Old York Road.<sup>3</sup> The privately organized York Turnpike Company was incorporated in 1805. Work on the new road ceased in 1810, when the thirty-five miles of road

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Sherry H. Olson, *Baltimore: The Building of an American City* (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997), p. 172; see also S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County*. (np. C. E. and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p. 10.

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from Baltimore to the Pennsylvania Line was completed. This route soon became one of the primary north/south corridors in Baltimore County. Taverns in Maryland Line, Wiseburg, Philopolis, and Timonium served travelers along the route. In 1838, the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad Company began construction of a line that would run northward from Baltimore nearly parallel to the York Turnpike.

#### Chain of Title:

December 27, 1821:

John Merryman, Jr. Sarah R. Merryman, and Elizabeth Merryman to Nicholas R. Merryman

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber WG 162 Folio 124

November 4, 1848:

Nicholas R. Merryman and Clarissa Merryman, wife, to John Philpot

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber AWB 405 Folio 303

May 31, 1878:

John Philpot, trustee, to Henry N. Merryman

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber JB 107 Folio 461

June 11, 1878:

Henry N. Merryman and Mary G. Merryman, wife, to Samuel K. George

Mortgage Records of Baltimore County

Liber JB 78 Folio 222

October 11, 1880:

Samuel K. George to Elizabeth A. Smith Mortgage Records of Baltimore County

Liber JB78 Folio 225

May 30, 1884:

Henry N. Merryman and Mary G. Merryman, wife, and Richard C. Smith and Elizabeth H. Smith to Susan

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Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber WMJ 136 Folio 565

August 16, 1889:

Susan Ryan to Joshua Gill and Isabella Gill, wife

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber JWS 178 Folio 134

December 11, 1897:

Joshua Gill to Isabella Gill

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber NBM 232 Folio 386

July 10, 1926:

Isabella Gill to Lottie P. Gill

Land Records of Baltimore County

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>William Hollifield, *Difficulties Made Easy: History of the Turnpikes of Baltimore City and County* (Cockeysville, MD: The Baltimore County Historical Society, 1978), p. 51; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), pp. 44-49.

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Liber WPC 635 Folio 137

Part 1:

March 1, 1954:

Lottie P. Gill to Colgate C. Pascal and Sue Pascal

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber GLB 2440 Folio 563

Part 2:

March 1, 1954: Lottie P. Gill to Edward and Alice L. Pascal

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber GLB 2440 Folio 567

Part 3:

March1, 1954: Lottie P. Gill to Caleb D. Pascal, Edward L. Pascal, and Colgate Pascal

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber GLB 2440 Folio 558

Part 4:

March 1, 1954: Lottie P. Gill to Caleb D. Pascal

Land Records of Baltimore County

Liber GLB 2440 Folio 565

All Parts:

January 1, 1973:

Colgate C. Pascal, Sue N. Pascal, wife, Edward L. Pascal, Alice L. Pascal, wife, and Caleb D. Pascal to M.

Gillian Fenwick and Caleb D. Pascal Land Records of Baltimore County

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### 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _	Less than one Acre		
Acreage of historical setting	803 Acres		
Quadrangle name	Hereford	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

#### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since circa1840, the Pascal House has been associated with the 0.417 acres of parcel 18 to be found on grid 3, of map 28 in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

### 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	L. V. Trieschmann, J. J. Bunting, and A. L. McDonald, Architectural Historians				
organization	EHT Traceries, Inc.	date	8 October 2000		
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199		
city or town	Washington	state	DC		

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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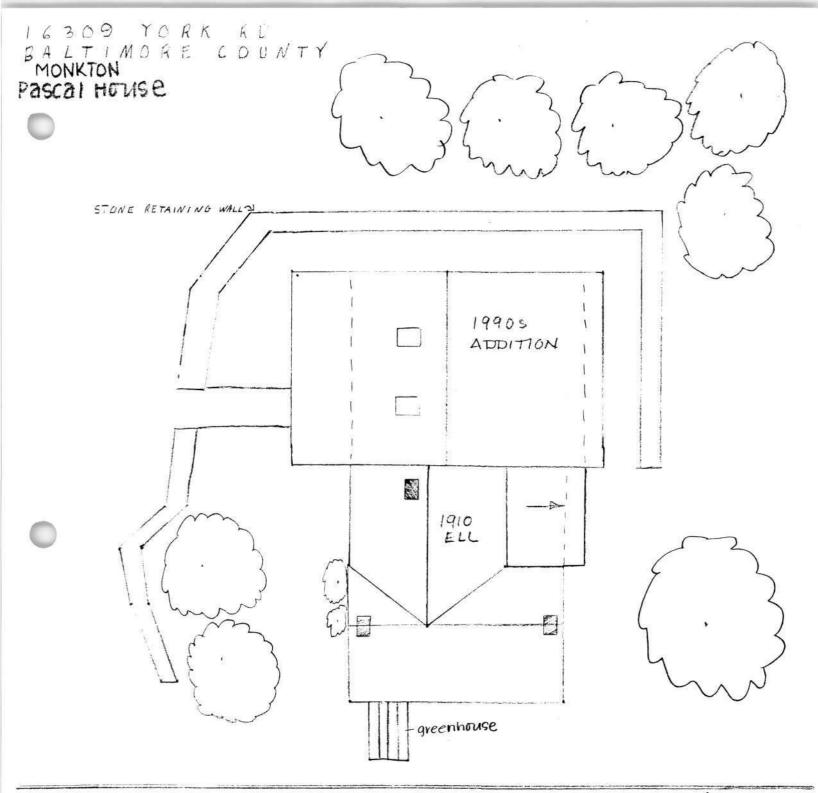
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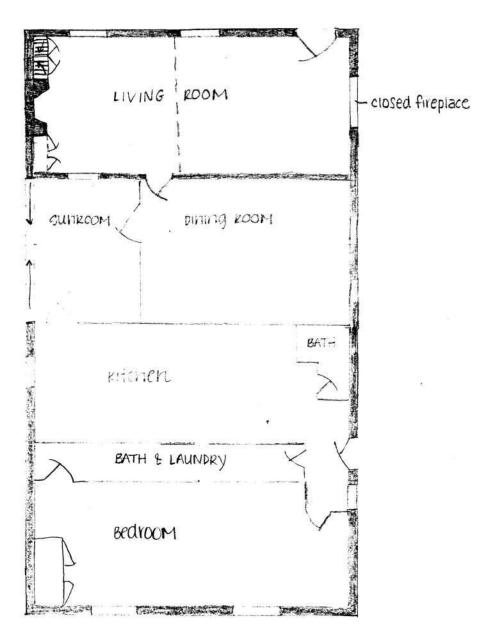


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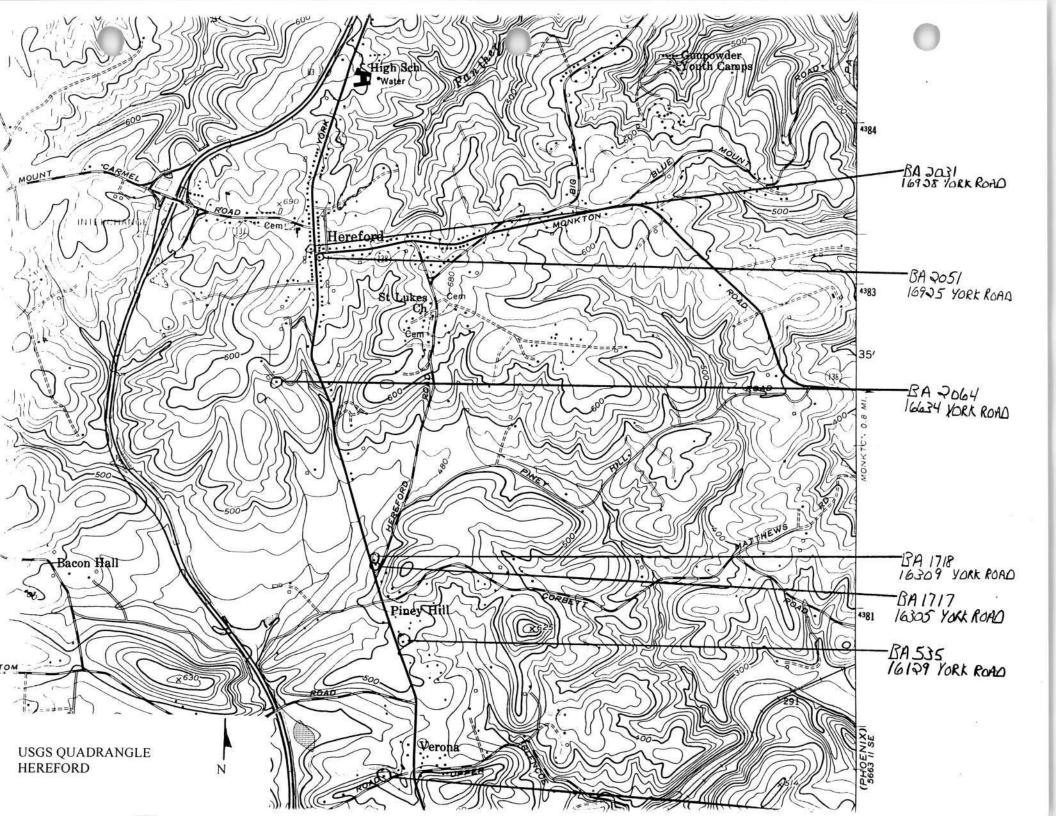
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PASCAL HOUSE





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BH-17/8 16309 Vork Rd. Baltimore County Traceries MD SHPO Northwest Corner, looking southwest



BA-1718 16309 York Rd. Baltimore County Traceries 5/00 MD SHPO East elevation, looking west



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PASCAL HOUSE - Before 1850 - 16309 York Road, Sparks vicinity. Northernmost of two houses. Seems to appear on 1850 map when it would have belonged to Nicholas R. Merryman, whose main residence was west of York Road. It was next Henry N. Merryman's, and it was sold by him in 1884 to Susan Ryan. This former tenant house passed through Gill and Pascal families. Two-story brownstone house in vernacular style, gable roofed. Owners: H. Gillian Fenwick and Caleb P. Pascal.